

# WELCOME

## TO THE **SPI and CMM** COURSE



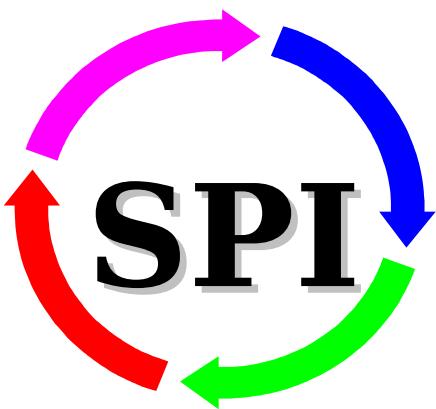
# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

**TO PROVIDE A HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW  
OF:**

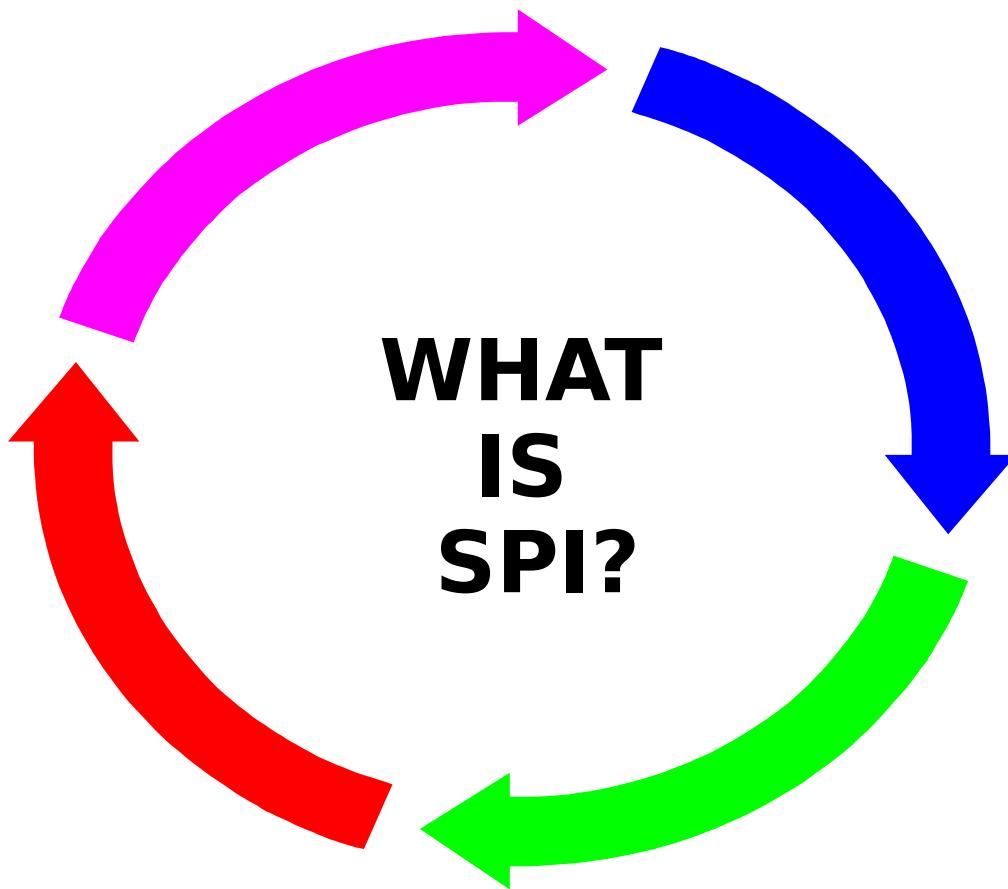
- **SPI (Software Process Improvement)**
- **CMM (Capability Maturity Model)**

# **SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (SPI)**

# SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (**SPI**) MODULE



- **MODULE OBJECTIVES:**
  - **WHAT IS SPI ?**
  - **WHY SPI ?**
  - **WHAT ARE GOALS /BENEFITS OF SPI ?**
  - **HOW IS SPI ACHIEVED/IMPROVED ?**
  - **WHAT IS DFAS's SPI STRATEGY ?**



**S** “ **oftware** is the entire set of  
programs,  
procedures, and related documentation  
associated with a system and especially  
a computer system.”

**Webster**

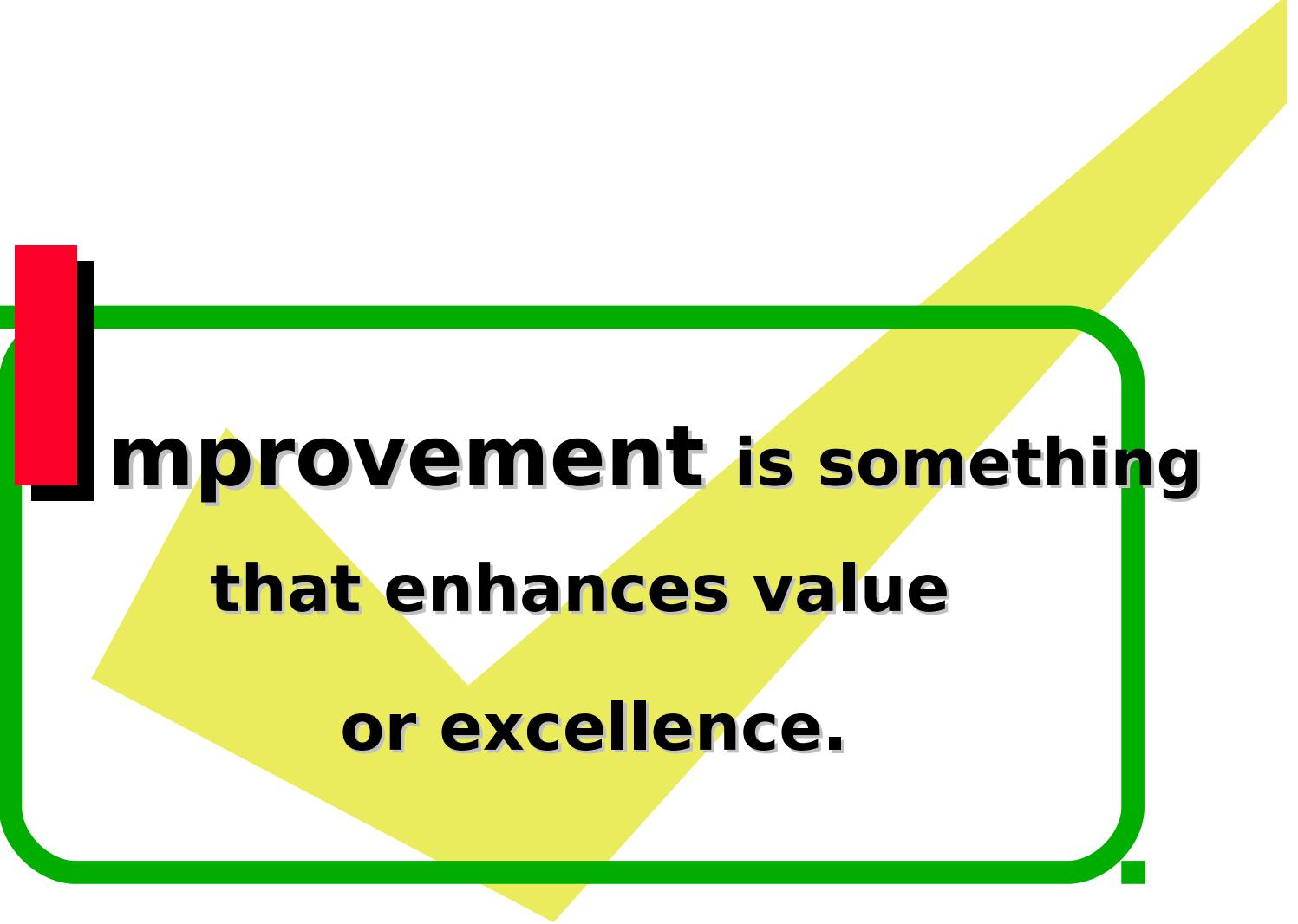
**P**rocess is the set of activities, methods, and practices which guide people and their tools in the development and enhancement of products.”

**SEI**

# “ **S**oftware **P**rocess

is the system of all tasks and the supporting tools, standards, methods, and practices involved in the production and evolution of a **software product** throughout the software life cycle.”

**SEI**



**Improvement is something  
that enhances value  
or excellence.**

# **SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

IS  
**enhancement**  
to the  
**total software**  
**product.**

# WHY DO WE NEED SPI?

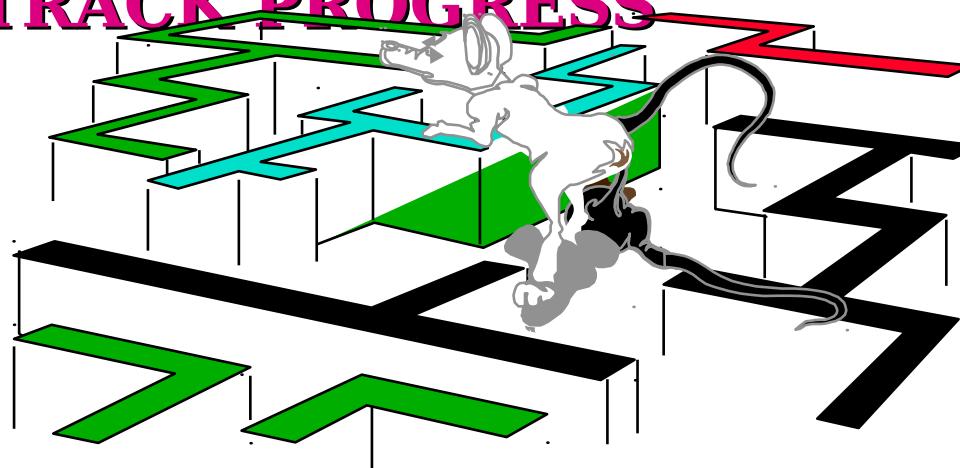
- DFAS REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CENTRAL DESIGN AGENCIES (CDAs)
- IMPROVE PROCESSES
- IMPROVE RELIABILITY & QUALITY
- IMPROVE EFFICIENCY
- REDUCE DEVELOPMENT COSTS

# **BENEFITS AND GOALS OF SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

- **INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS/QUALITY**
- **DECREASED COST**
- **SHORTEN DEVELOPMENT LIFE CYCLE**
- **PREDICTABLE QUALITY, COST, SCHEDULES**
- **PROCESSES DEFINED AND DOCUMENTED**

# TO ACHIEVE IMPROVEMENT, WE MUST:

- **KNOW WHERE WE ARE**
- **KNOW WHERE WE WANT TO GO**
- **ASSIGN RESOURCES AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **IMPROVE AND DEFINE PROCESSES**
- **TRACK PROGRESS**



# DFAS SPI STRATEGY

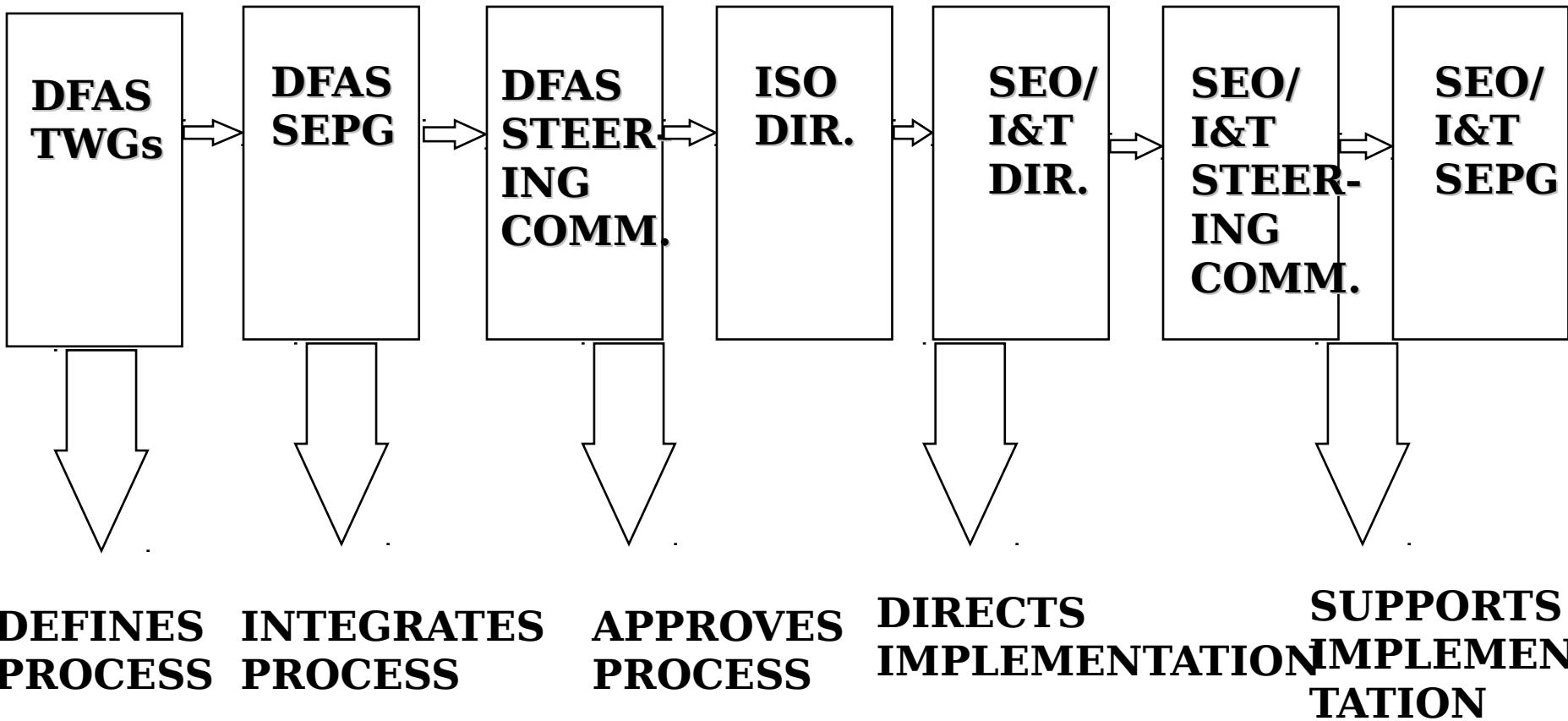
- **INCREASE SOFTWARE PROCESS CAPABILITY TO LEVEL 2 BY OCTOBER 1, 1995**
- **IMPLEMENT SPI AS ONE SINGLE PROGRAM WITHIN DFAS**
- **FOCUS ON DEFINING LEVEL 2 KPAs OF THE CMM**
- **DEVELOP CANDIDATE PROCESSES FOR STANDARDIZING**
- **IMPLEMENT APPROVED CANDIDATE PROCESS, PROJECT BY PROJECT, SITE BY SITE**

# WHAT IS “*THE BIG PICTURE?*”

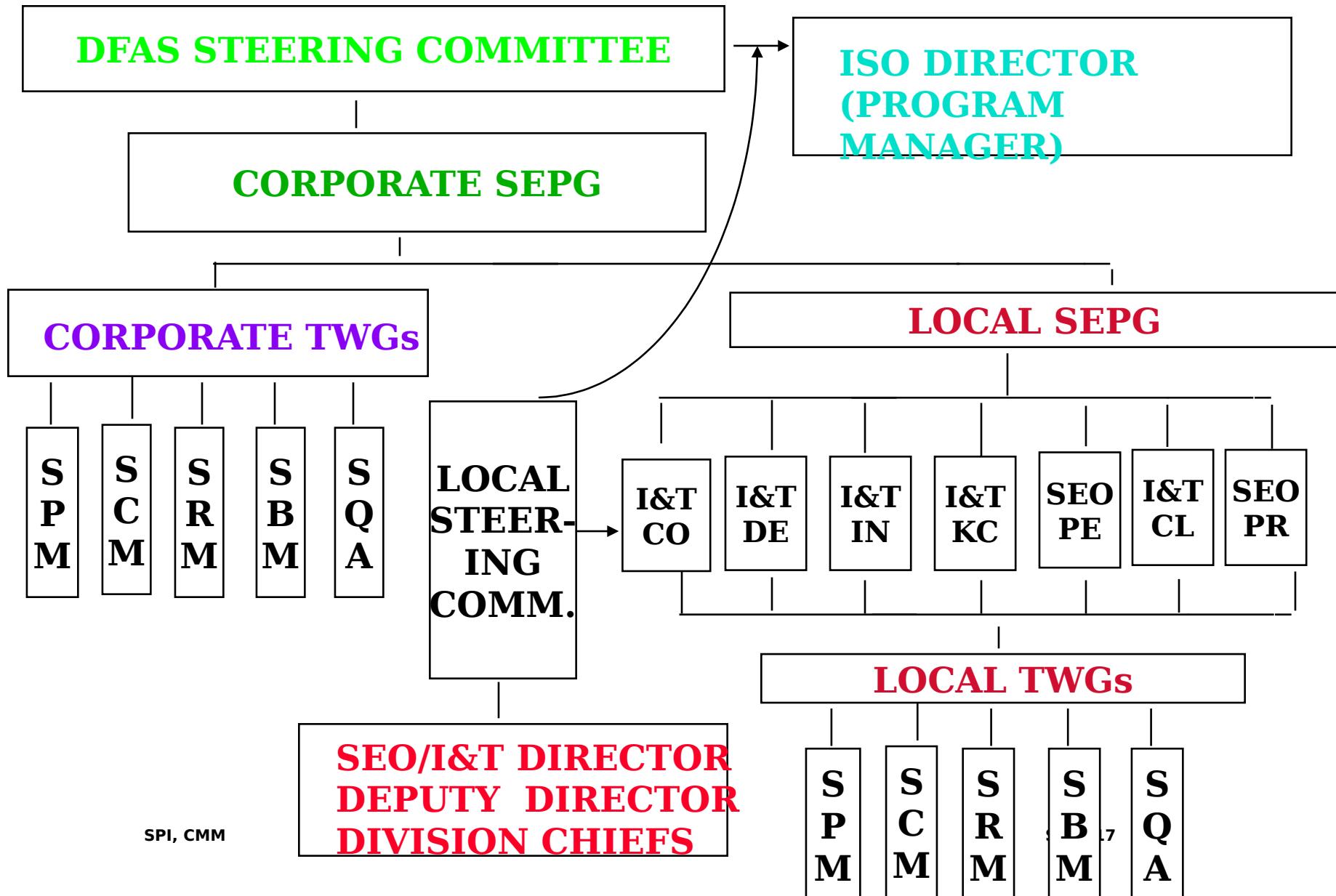


# THE DFAS SPI PROCESS

## **“THE *BIG* PICTURE”**

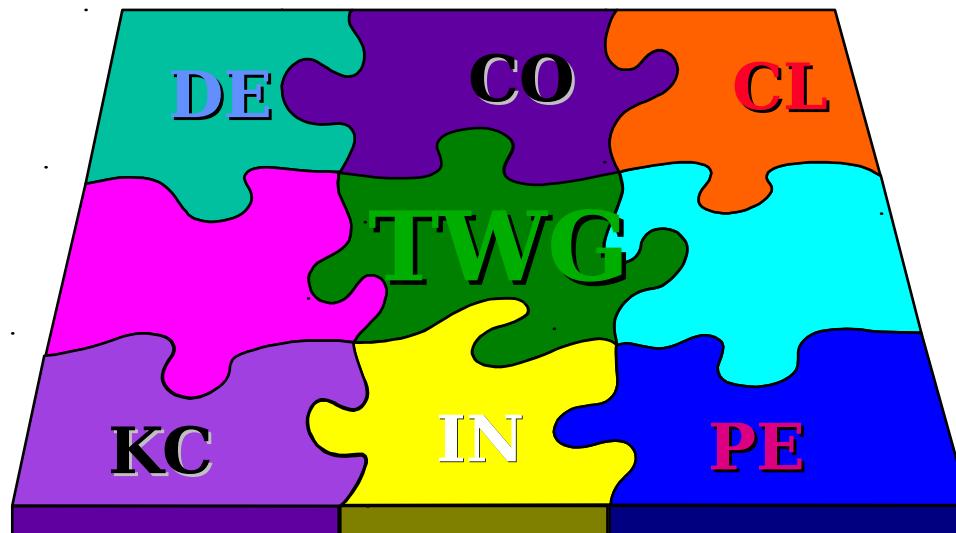


# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

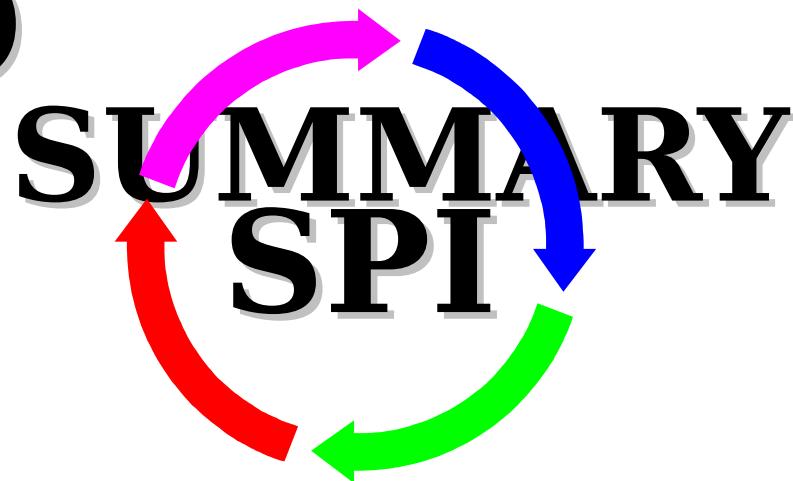


# CORPORATE TWG STRUCTURE

- **EACH CORPORATE TWG CONTAINS :**
  - **ONE (1) MEMBER EACH OF THE SIX (6) SEOs/I&Ts**
  - **ONE (1) ISO MEMBER**



# **SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (SPI)**



# **SPI SUMMARY**

- **WHO?**

- **DFAS-HQ**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES ORGANIZATION**
- **DFAS CENTERS AND SATELLITES...**
- **SPI CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT EVERY EMPLOYEE'S HELP, SUPPORT AND COOPERATION TO ATTAIN THE GOAL OF...**

***A QUALITY PRODUCT, ON-TIME AND AT AN AGREED-UPON PRICE!!!***

# SPI SUMMARY

- **WHAT?**

**SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT  
IS A LONG-TERM EFFORT TO:**

- ***ENHANCE THE MANAGEMENT OF  
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT***
- ***IMPROVE SOFTWARE QUALITY***
- ***DECREASE COSTS***
- ***REFINE SCHEDULES***

# SPI SUMMARY

## ■ **WHAT?**

***WHAT IS INVOLVED IN SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT?***

- **CMM WAS DEVELOPED BY THE DoD-SPONSORED SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI)**
- **DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CMM BASED SYSTEM MODIFICATION SCENARIO (SMS)**

# SPI SUMMARY

## ■ **WHY?**

### ■ **WE MUST:**

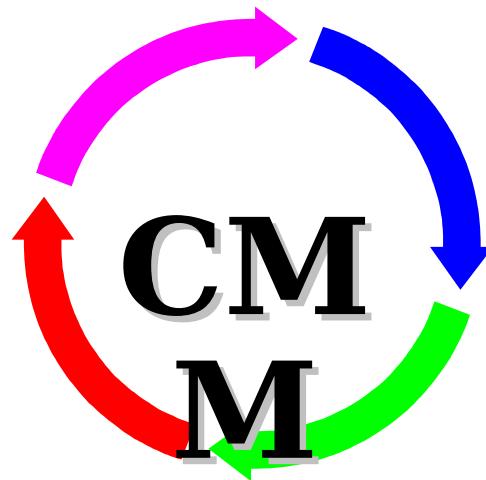
- **IMPROVE OUR *RELIABILITY***
- **REDUCE DEVELOPMENT *COSTS***
- **IMPROVE *EFFICIENCY* ACROSS THE ENTIRE DFAS**

# SPI SUMMARY

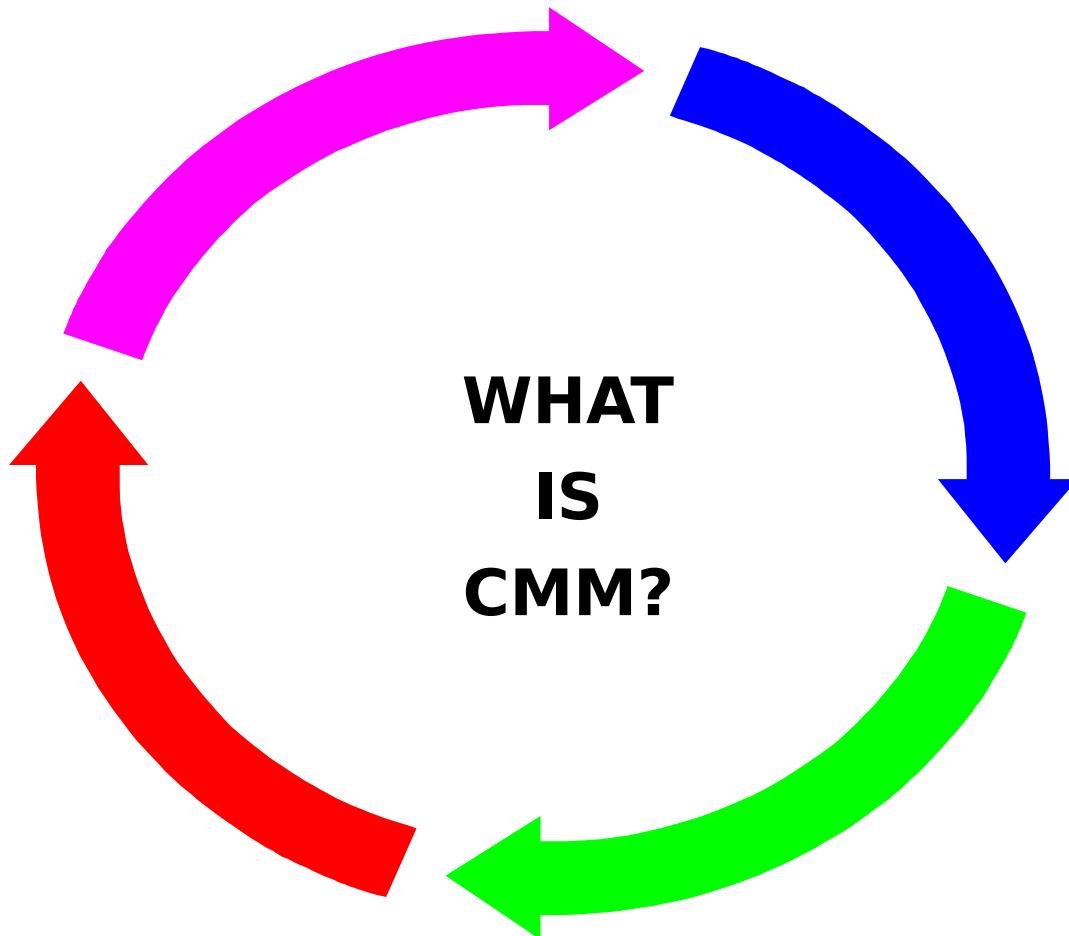
- **WHEN?**
  - **CONTINUOUS**
- **HOW?**
  - **SPA, SEPG, CMM, AND SMS**
  - **BELIEF THAT *IMPROVEMENT IS POSSIBLE!!!***
  - **COMMITMENT**
  - **INVOLVEMENT**

# **CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM)**

# CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM) MODULE



- **MODULE OBJECTIVES:**
  - **WHAT IS THE CMM ?**
  - **IDENTIFY THE MATURITY LEVELS OF THE CMM**
  - **DEFINE THE KEY PROCESS AREAS (KPA)**



# **WHAT IS THE CAPABILITY Maturity MODEL?**

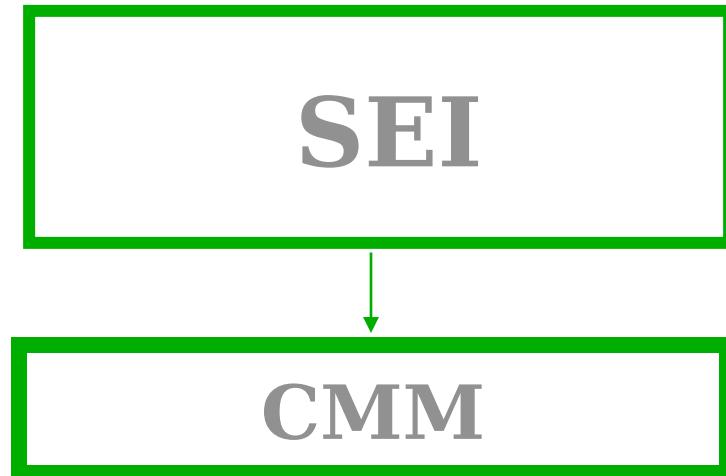
**“ A framework that describes the key elements of an effective software process**

# CMM

- **PROVIDES *GUIDELINES* FOR:**
  - **PLANNING**
  - **ENGINEERING**
  - **MANAGING SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**
  - **DEVELOPMENT**
  - **MAINTENANCE**

# WHERE DID CMM ORIGINATE?

- THE CMM PROCESS MODEL WAS DEVELOPED BY THE **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI)**
- IT IS OWNED BY THE NATIONAL SOFTWARE COMMUNITY
- SEI EXERCISES STEWARDSHIP OVER CMM



# **WHAT IS THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI)??**

- **A FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CENTER (FFRDC)**
- **FUNDED BY DoD**
- **AFFILIATED WITH CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY**

**WHAT IS THE SEI  
MISSION:**

**TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN  
ADVANCING THE  
STATE-OF-THE-PRACTICE  
OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING  
TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
SYSTEMS WHICH DEPEND  
UPON SOFTWARE**

# **SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS MANAGEMENT PREMISE**

***THE QUALITY OF A SOFTWARE  
SYSTEM IS GOVERNED BY THE  
QUALITY OF THE PROCESSES  
USED TO DEVELOP AND  
MAINTAIN IT.***

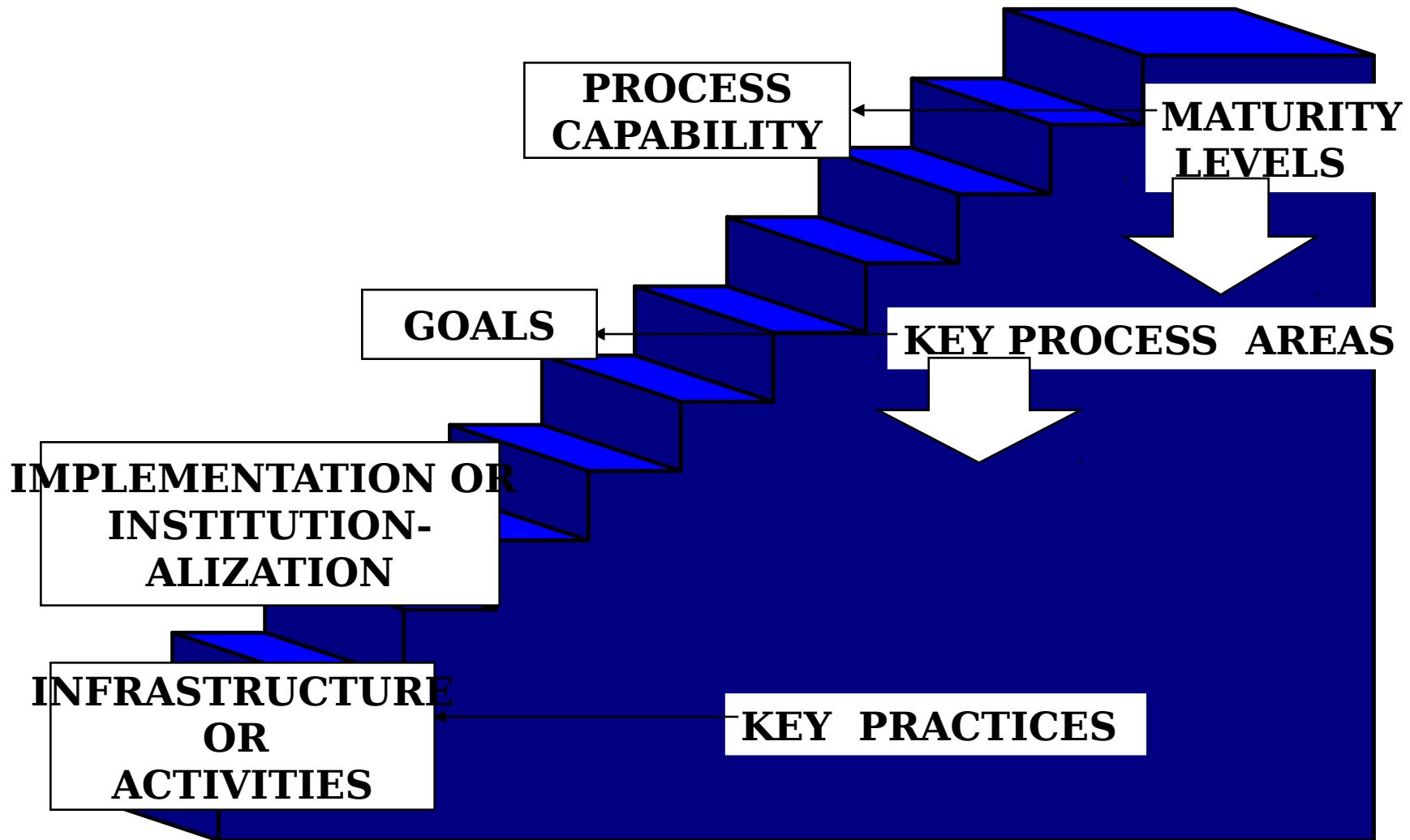
# WHAT IS A PROCESS?

- **A MEANS BY WHICH A DESIRED END RESULT IS PRODUCED BY THE INTEGRATION OF:**
  - **PEOPLE**
  - **PROCEDURES**
  - **METHODS**
  - **EQUIPMENT, AND...**
  - **TOOLS**

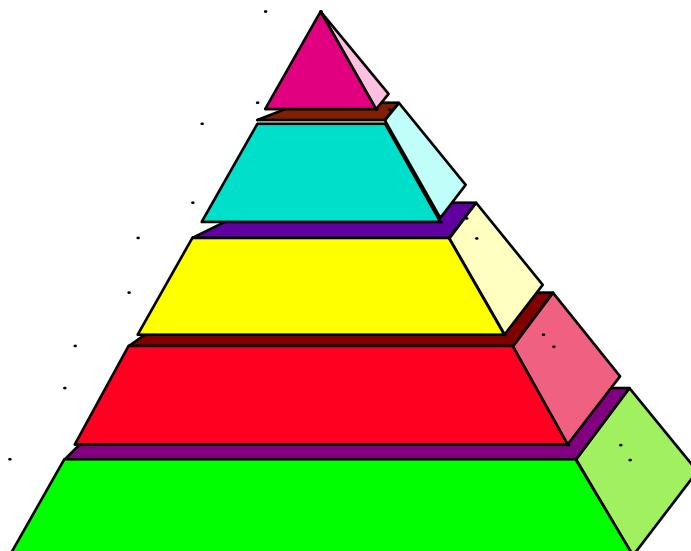
# HOW DO WE IMPROVE THE PROCESS ??

- BY USE OF THE **CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM)** .. A **PROCESS MODEL** DEVELOPED BY THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI)

# STRUCTURE OF THE CMM

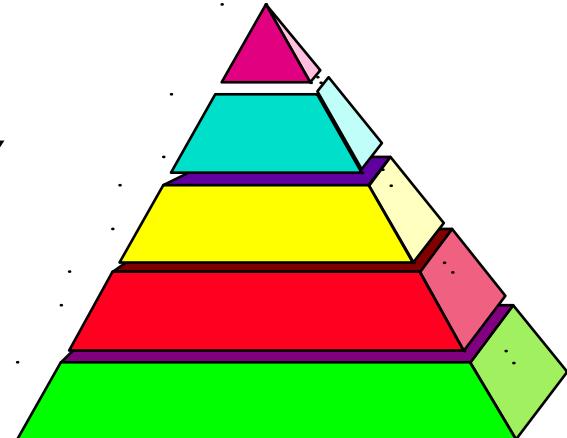


# THE FIVE MATURITY LEVELS OF THE



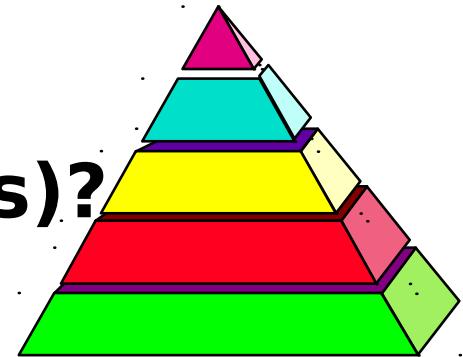
# CMM

# WHAT IS A MATURITY LEVEL?



- A MATURITY LEVEL IS A WELL-DEFINED EVOLUTIONARY PLATEAU ON THE PATH TOWARD BECOMING A MATURE SOFTWARE ORGANIZATION
- THERE ARE FIVE MATURITY LEVELS IN THE CMM
- EACH LEVEL IS A LAYER IN THE FOUNDATION FOR CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

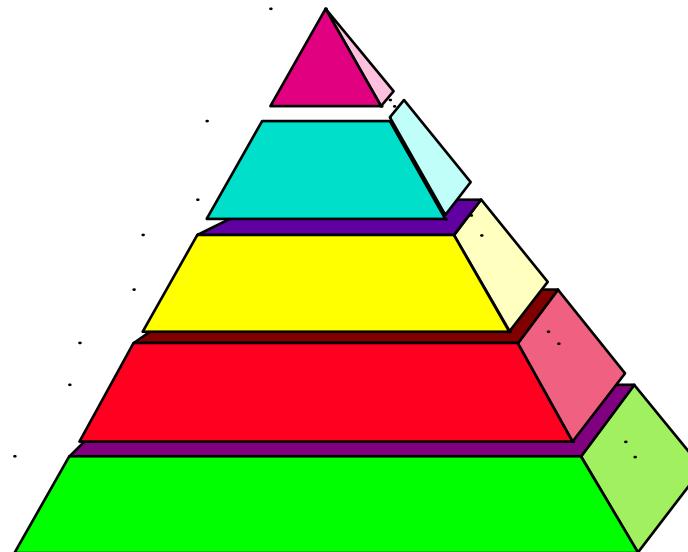
# WHAT ARE KEY PROCESS AREAS (KPAs)?



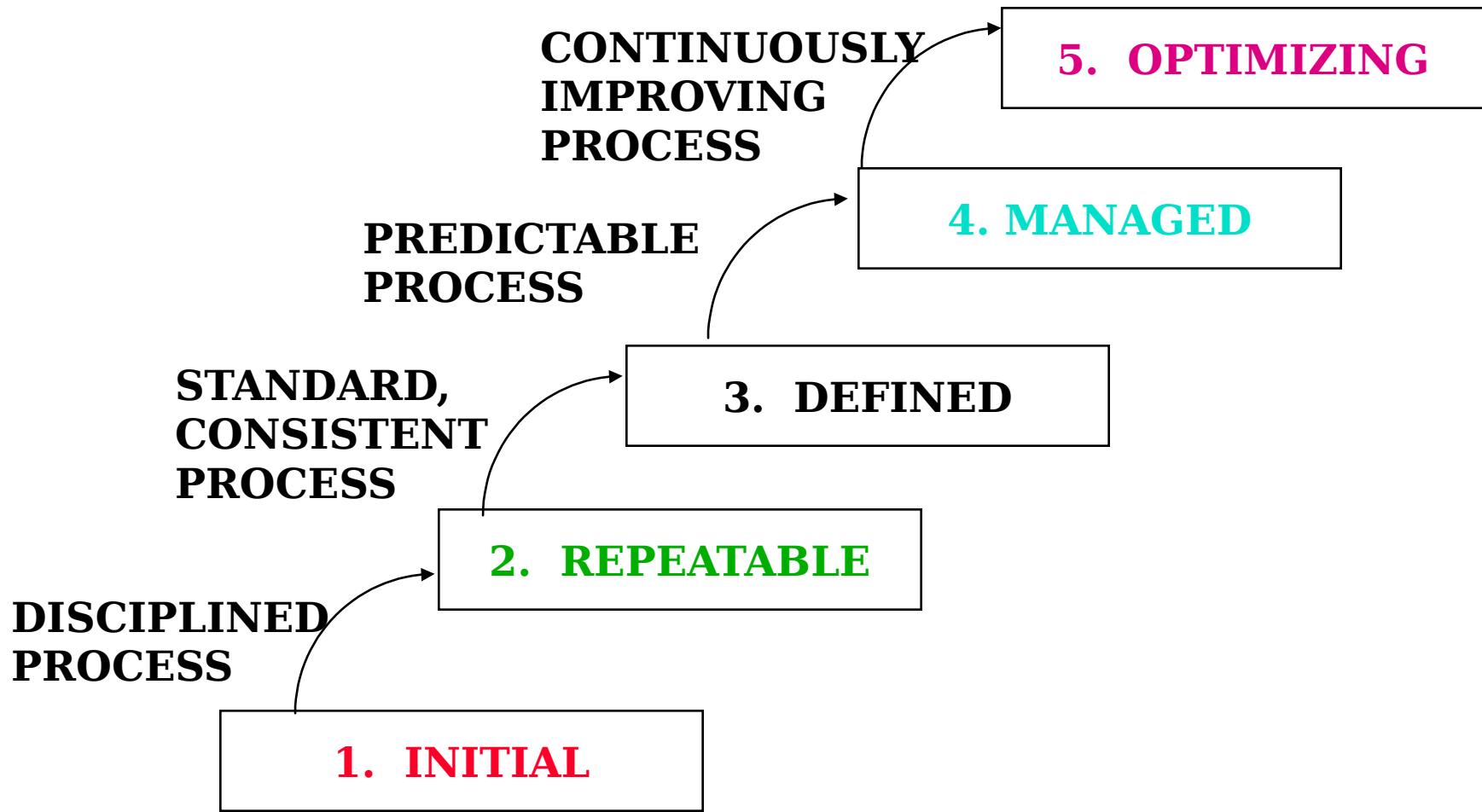
- A GROUP OF RELATED ACTIVITIES PERFORMED COLLECTIVELY TO ACHIEVE A SET OF GOALS
- KPAs ARE *THE MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS IN ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS CAPABILITY* OF AN ORGANIZATION
  - DEFINITION OF *PROCESS CAPABILITY*: IT DESCRIBES THE RANGE OF EXPECTED RESULTS FROM FOLLOWING A PROCESS

# WHAT ARE THE FIVE LEVELS OF THE CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM)?

- **OPTIMIZING**
- **MANAGED**
- **DEFINED**
- **REPEATABLE**
- **INITIAL**

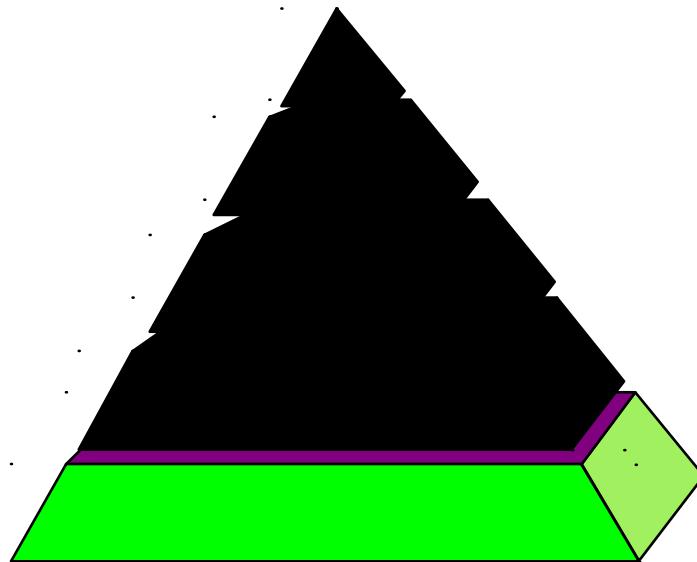


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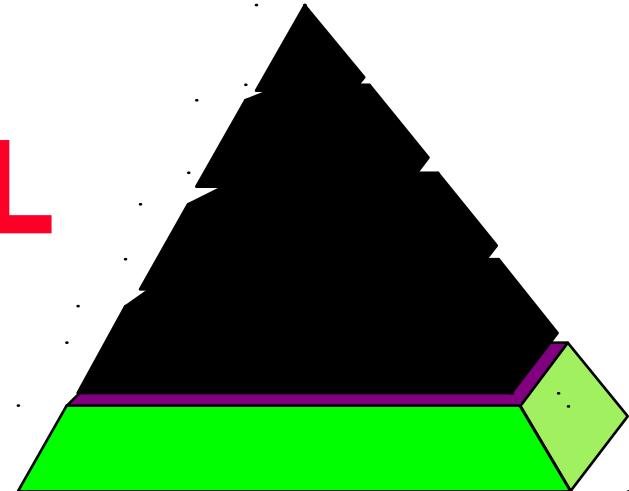


# LEVEL 1 **INITIAL**

## **WHERE WE STARTED!**

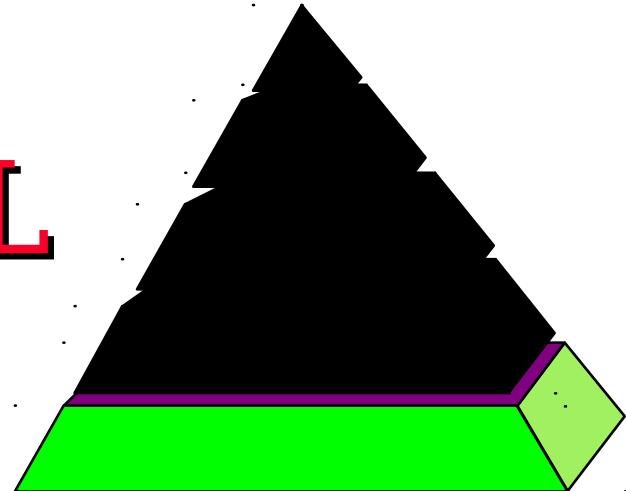


# INITIAL LEVEL



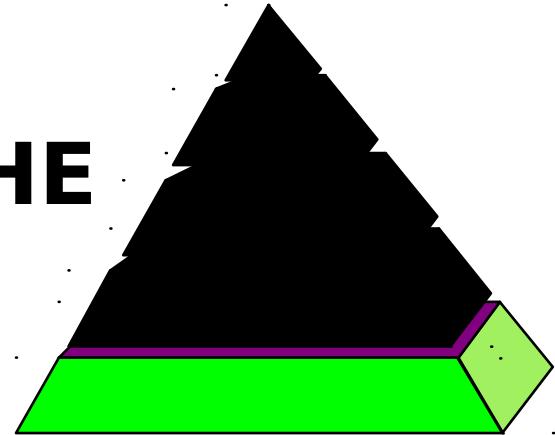
- **PROCESS IS:**
  - ***AD HOC***
  - **OCCASIONALLY *CHAOTIC***
  - **FEW PROCESSES ARE DEFINED**
  - **SUCCESS *DEPENDS ON INDIVIDUAL EFFORT* ("HEROES")...**

# INITIAL LEVEL

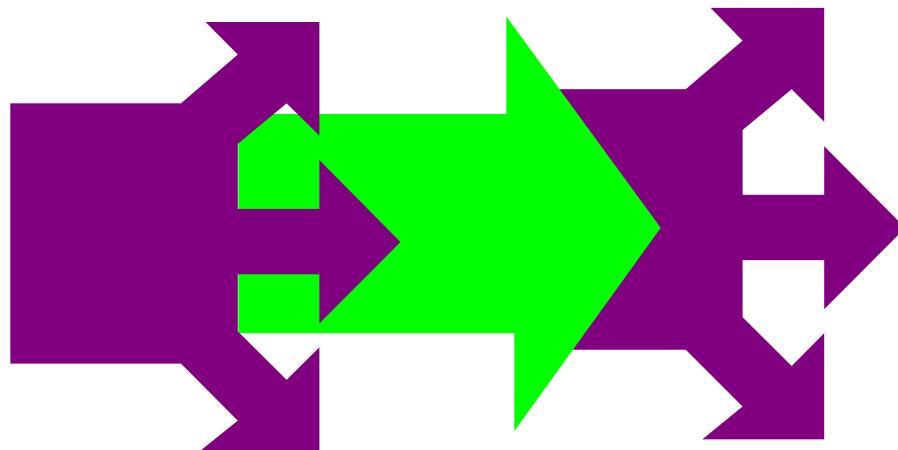


- **PROCESS (CONT'D):**
  - HAS FEW FORMAL PROCEDURES, COST ESTIMATES, OR PROJECT PLANS
  - LIMITED MANAGEMENT MECHANISM TO ENSURE PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED
  - TOOLS NOT WELL INTEGRATED
  - CHANGE CONTROL LAX

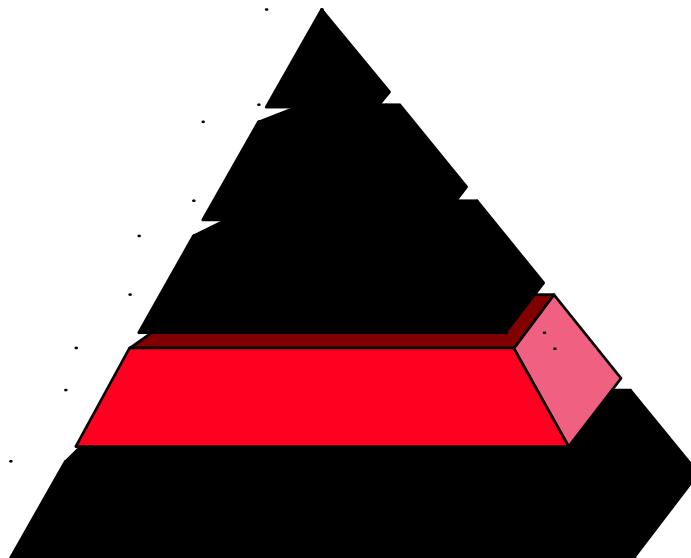
# LEVEL 1 MANAGEMENT VIEW OF THE SOFTWARE PROCESS



- REQUIREMENTS FLOW IN
- THE SOFTWARE PRODUCT IS (USUALLY) PRODUCED BY SOME AMORPHOUS PROCESS
- THE PRODUCT FLOWS OUT ***AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL WORK***

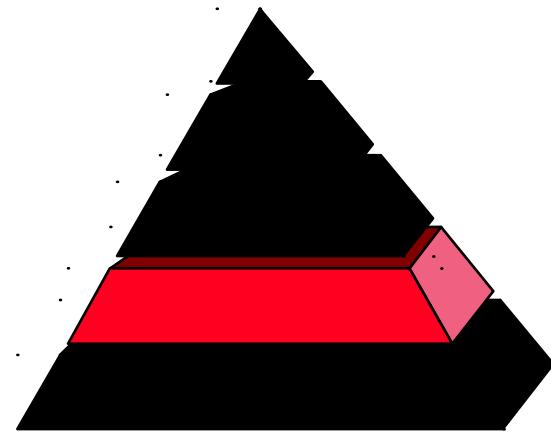


# LEVEL 2 **REPEATABLE**



## **WHERE WE ARE NOW !**

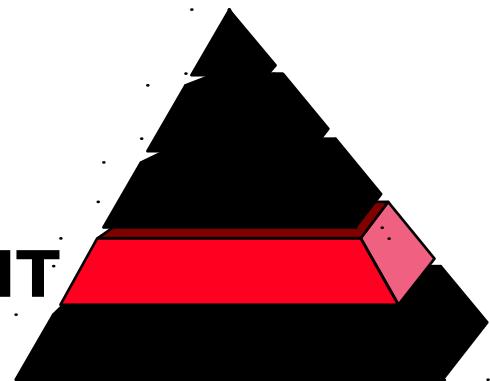
# LEVEL 2 REPEATABLE



- **FOCUS:**
  - PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- **KEY PROCESS AREAS:**
  - REQUIREMENTS MANAGEMENT
  - SOFTWARE PROJECT PLANNING
  - SOFTWARE PROJECT TRACKING
  - SOFTWARE SUBCONTRACT MANAGEMENT
  - SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE
  - SOFTWARE CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

# LEVEL 2

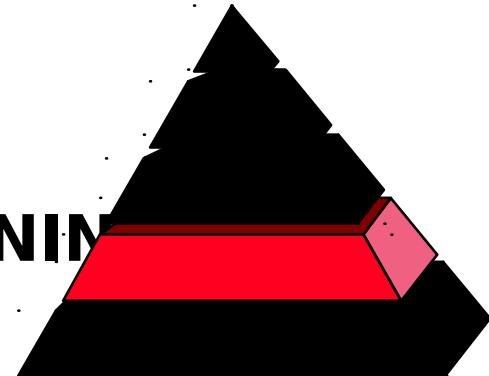
## KPA: REQUIREMENTS MANAGEMENT



- **ESTABLISH & MAINTAIN UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH CUSTOMER ON REQUIREMENTS FOR SOFTWARE THROUGHOUT ITS LIFE CYCLE**
- **BASIS FOR ESTIMATING, PLANNING, PERFORMING & TRACKING THE PROJECT'S SOFTWARE ACTIVITIES**
- **CUSTOMER MAY BE AN EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL CUSTOMER**

# LEVEL 2

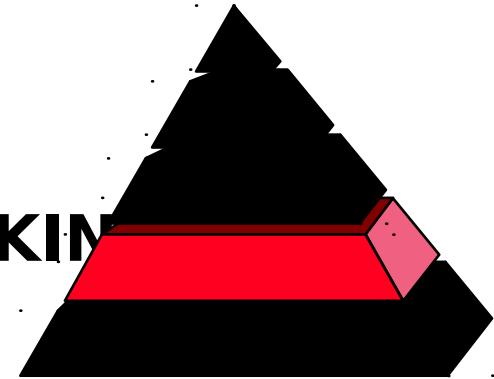
## KPA: SOFTWARE PROJECT PLANNING



- **DEVELOP ESTIMATES FOR WORK TO BE DONE**
- **ESTABLISH COMMITMENTS**
- **DEFINE THE PLAN TO PERFORM THE WORK**
- **PROVIDE BASIS FOR INITIATING SOFTWARE EFFORT**
- **MANAGE PROGRESS OF THE WORK**

# LEVEL 2

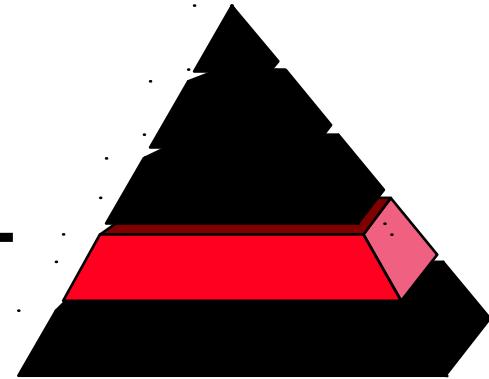
## KPA: SOFTWARE PROJECT TRACKING AND OVERSIGHT



- **TRACK AND REVIEW SOFTWARE ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RESULTS USING:**
  - DOCUMENTED ESTIMATES
  - COMMITMENTS
  - PLANS
- **BASED ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RESULTS, ADJUST:**
  - ESTIMATES
  - COMMITMENTS
  - PLANS

# LEVEL 2

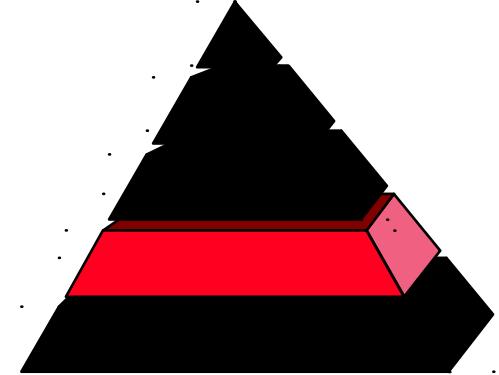
## KPA: SOFTWARE SUBCONTRACT MANAGEMENT



- **SELECT SOFTWARE SUBCONTRACTOR**
- **ESTABLISH COMMITMENT WITH THE SUBCONTRACTOR ON WORK TO BE PERFORMED**
- **COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH THE SUBCONTRACTOR**
- **TRACK AND REVIEW THE SUBCONTRACTOR'S :**
  - **PERFORMANCE**
  - **RESULTS**

# LEVEL 2

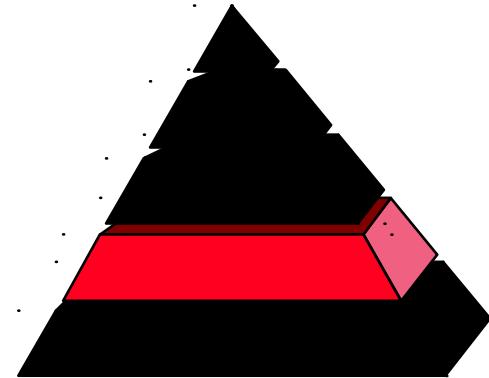
## **KPA: SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE (SQA)**



- **PARTICIPATE IN DEFINITION OF STANDARDS FOR PRODUCT AND PROCESS**
- **REVIEW AND AUDIT THE SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE :**
  - **PROCESSES**
  - **STANDARDS**
  - **PROCEDURES**

# LEVEL 2

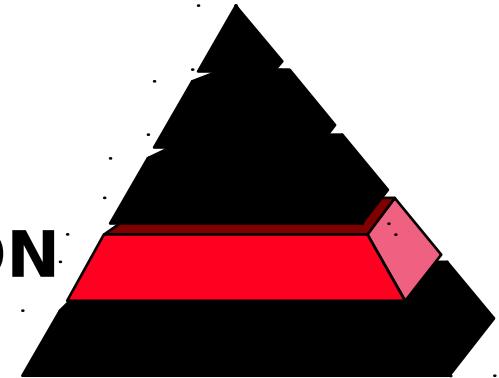
## KPA: SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE (CONT'D)



- **PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO DEVELOPERS AND MANAGEMENT ON PRODUCT AND PROCESS STATUS RELATIVE TO REVIEW PARAMETERS**

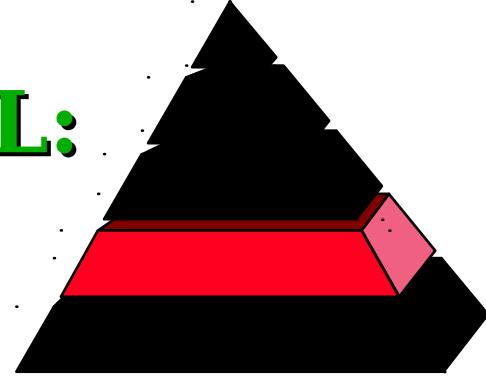
# LEVEL 2

## KPA: SOFTWARE CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT



- **IDENTIFY CONFIGURATION ITEMS/UNITS**
- **CONTROL ITEMS AND CHANGES TO THEM**
- **RECORD/REPORT STATUS AND CHANGE ACTIVITY FOR THE ITEMS**
- **ESTABLISH & MAINTAIN CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT LIBRARY SYSTEM TO SUPPORT THE SOFTWARE BASELINE LIBRARY**

# AT THE REPEATABLE LEVEL:

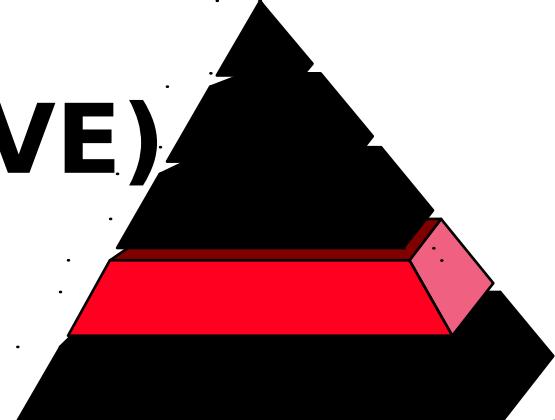


- **BASIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**PROCESSES ARE ESTABLISHED TO:**

- **TRACK COST, SCHEDULE, AND FUNCTIONALITY**
- **PROCESS DISCIPLINE IS IN PLACE TO:**
  - **REPEAT EARLIER SUCCESSES ON PROJECTS WITH SIMILAR APPLICATIONS**

# **REPEATABLE (INTUITIVE) LEVEL 2 CHARACTERISTICS**

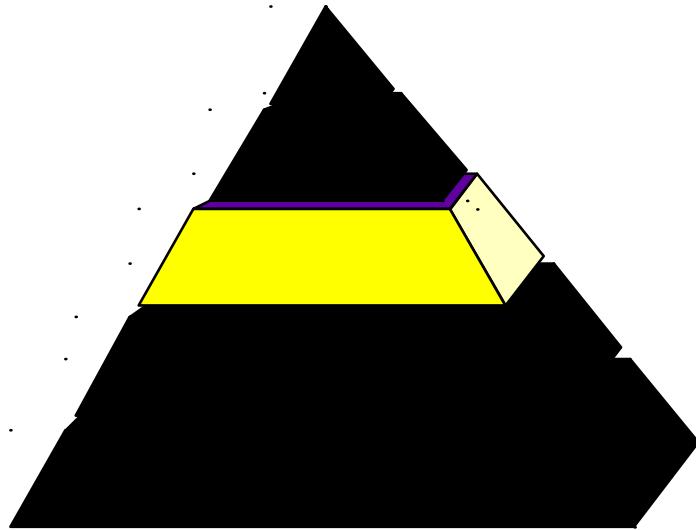


- **PROCESS INDEPENDENT OF INDIVIDUALS**
- **ESTABLISHED BASIC PROJECT CONTROLS**
- **STRENGTH IN DOING SIMILAR WORK BUT  
STILL FACE MAJOR RISK WHEN  
PRESENTED WITH NEW CHALLENGES**
- **BASIS FOR ORDERLY FRAMEWORK FOR  
FURTHER IMPROVEMENT**

# **REVIEW: WHY REPEATABLE LEVEL 2??**

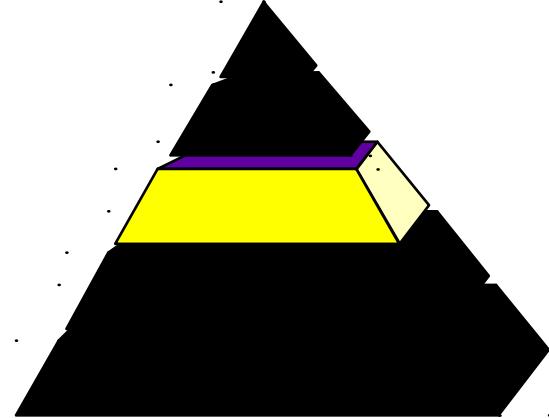
- **INCREASES OUR COMPETITIVENESS**
- **IMPROVES COST, SCHEDULE, & QUALITY**
- **PROVIDES DEFINED & DOCUMENTED PROCESSES**
- **IMPROVES OUR ABILITY TO REPEAT SUCCESS**

# **LEVEL 3** **DEFINED**



## **WHERE WE WANT TO BE SOON**

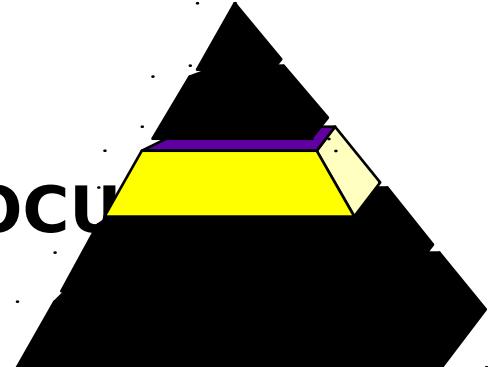
# LEVEL 3 DEFINED



- **FOCUS:**
  - ENGINEERING PROCESS
- **KEY PROCESS AREAS**
  - ORGANIZATION PROCESS FOCUS
  - ORGANIZATION PROCESS DEFINITION
  - TRAINING PROGRAM
  - INTEGRATED SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT
  - SOFTWARE PRODUCT ENGINEERING
  - INTERGROUP COORDINATION
  - PEER REVIEWS

# LEVEL 3

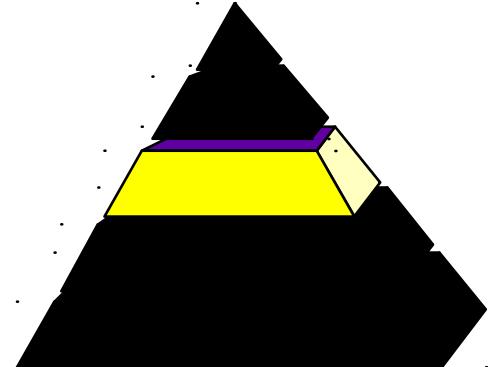
## KPA: ORGANIZATION PROCESS FOCUS



- **ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOFTWARE PROCESS ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE OVERALL SOFTWARE PROCESS CAPABILITY**
- **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORGANIZATION'S AND PROJECTS' SOFTWARE PROCESSES**
- **COORDINATE ACTIVITIES TO ASSESS, DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND IMPROVE THESE PROCESSES**

# LEVEL 3

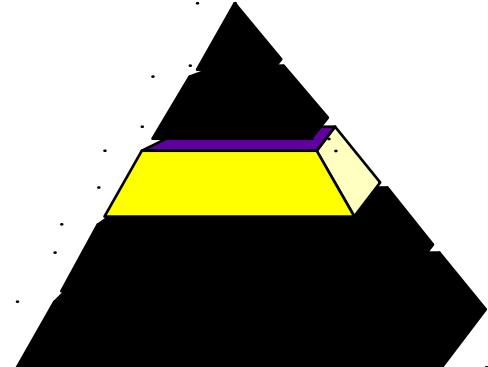
## KPA: ORGANIZATION PROCESS DEFINITION



- **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE ORGANIZATION'S STANDARD SOFTWARE PROCESS**
- **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A USABLE SET OF SOFTWARE PROCESS ASSETS, SUCH AS TAILORING GUIDELINES, SOFTWARE PROCESS DATABASE, AND A LIBRARY OF SOFTWARE PROCESS-RELATED DOCUMENTATION**

# LEVEL 3

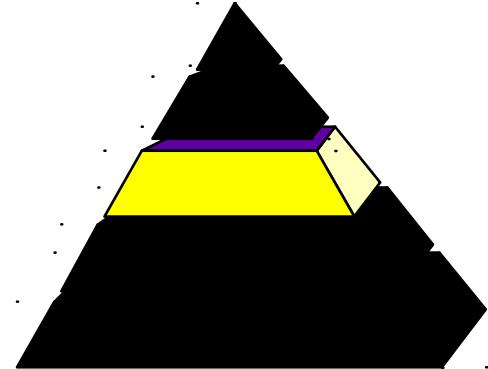
## KPA: TRAINING PROGRAM



- **DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF INDIVIDUALS SO THEY CAN PERFORM THEIR ROLES**
- **IDENTIFY TRAINING NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION, PROJECTS, AND INDIVIDUALS**
- **DEVELOP OR PROCURE TRAINING TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED NEEDS**

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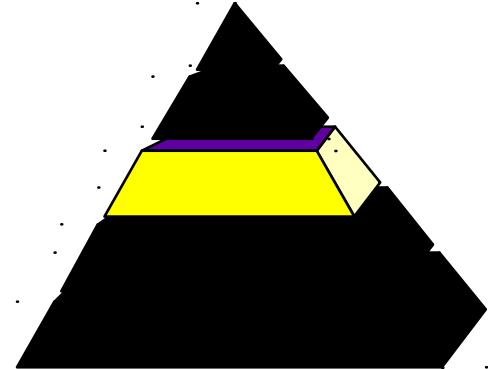
## KPA: INTEGRATED SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT



- INTEGRATE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES INTO A DEFINED SOFTWARE PROCESS TAILORED FROM THE ORGANIZATION'S STANDARD SOFTWARE PROCESS
- TAILOR THE ORGANIZATION'S STANDARD SOFTWARE PROCESS BASED ON THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNICAL NEEDS OF THE PROJECT

# LEVEL 3

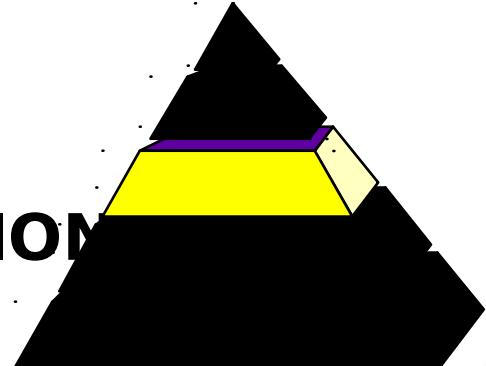
## **KPA: SOFTWARE PRODUCT ENGINEERING**



- **PERFORM A WELL-DEFINED ENGINEERING PROCESS THAT INTEGRATES ALL THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES**
- **DOCUMENT THE SOFTWARE WORK PRODUCTS AND MAINTAIN TRACEABILITY AND CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THEM**

# LEVEL 3

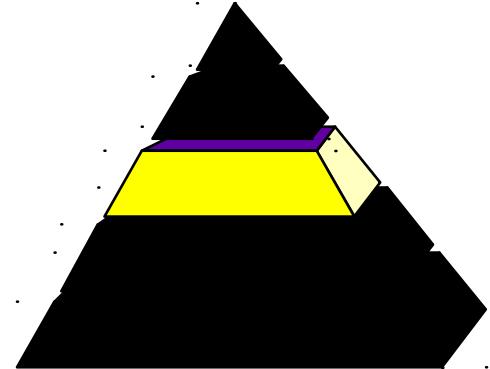
## KPA: INTERGROUP COORDINATION



- **ESTABLISH MEANS FOR SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GROUPS TO WORK PROACTIVELY WITH OTHER ENGINEERING GROUPS TO ADDRESS SYSTEM-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS, OBJECTIVES, AND ISSUES**

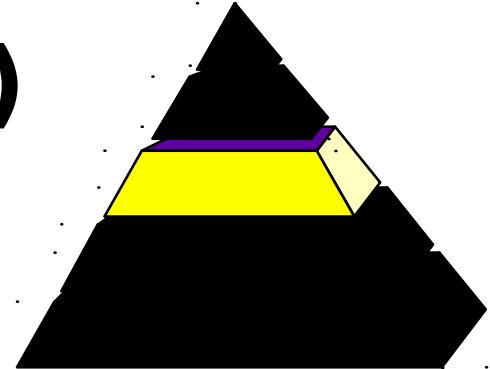
# LEVEL 3

## KPA: PEER REVIEWS



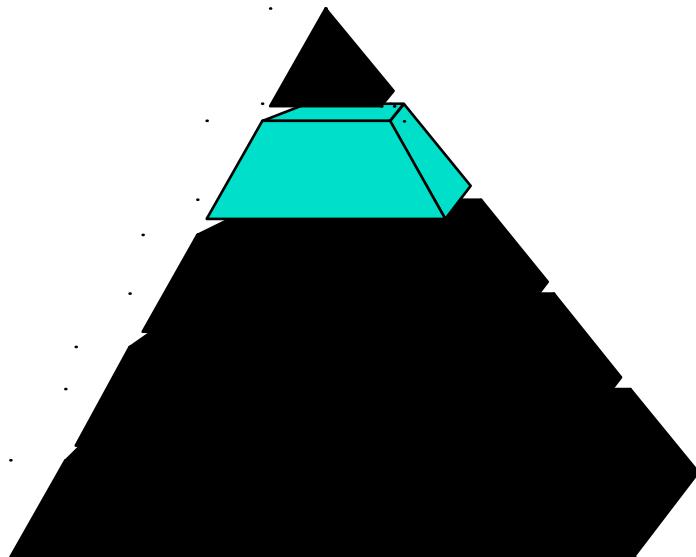
- **REMOVE DEFECTS FROM THE SOFTWARE WORK PRODUCTS EARLY**
- **DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOFTWARE WORK PRODUCTS AND OF THE DEFECTS THAT CAN BE PREVENTED**

# **DEFINED (QUALITATIVE) LEVEL 3 *CHARACTERISTICS***

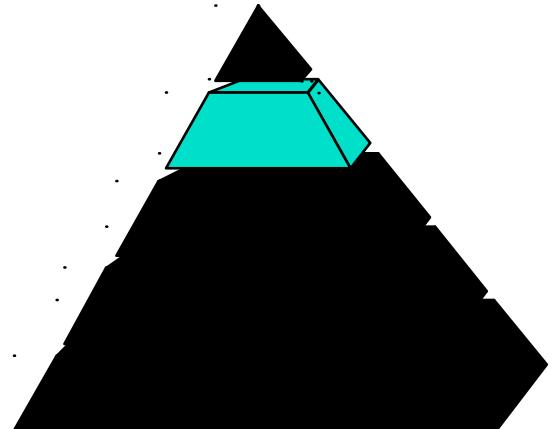


- **THE PROCESS IS DEFINED AND INSTITUTIONALIZED**
- **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROCESS GROUP ESTABLISHED TO LEAD PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

# LEVEL 4 **MANAGED**

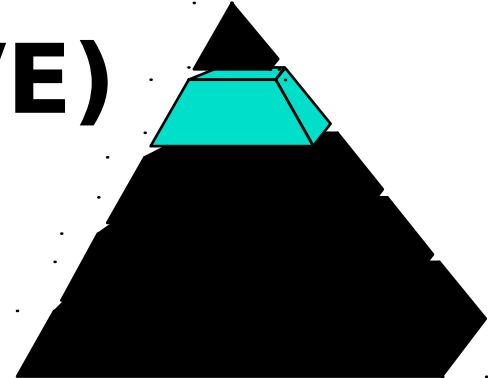


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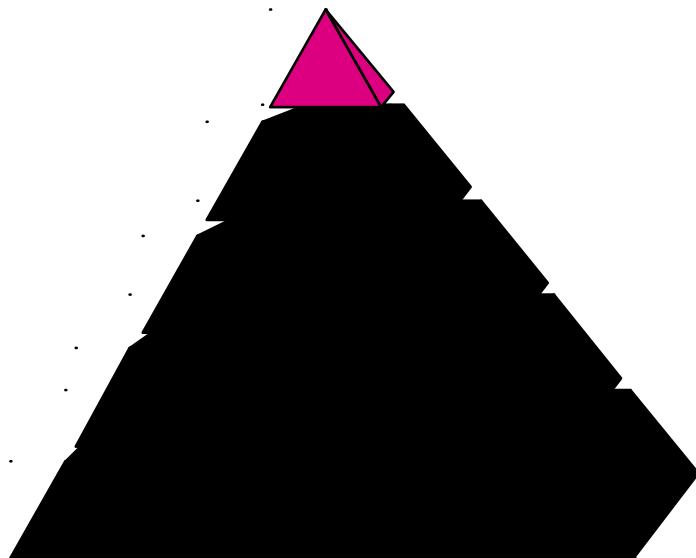
- **FOCUS:**
  - PRODUCT AND PROCESS QUALITY
- **KEY PROCESS AREAS**
  - SOFTWARE QUALITY MANAGEMENT
  - QUANTITATIVE PROCESS MANAGEMENT

# MANAGED (QUANTITATIVE) LEVEL 4 *CHARACTERISTICS*

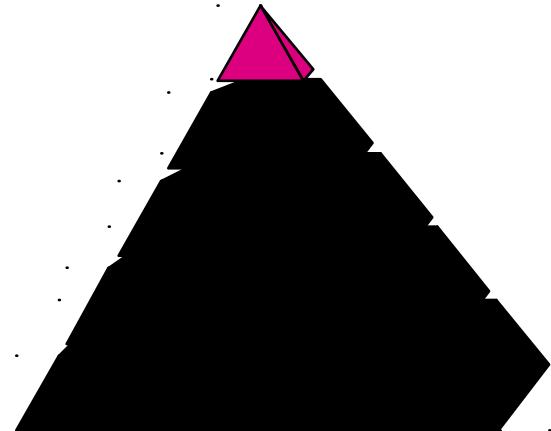


- **MEASURED PROCESS**
- **MINIMUM SET OF QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT SETS ESTABLISHED**
- **PROCESS DATABASE ESTABLISHED WITH RESOURCES TO ANALYZE ITS DATA AND MAINTAIN IT**

# LEVEL 5 OPTIMIZING

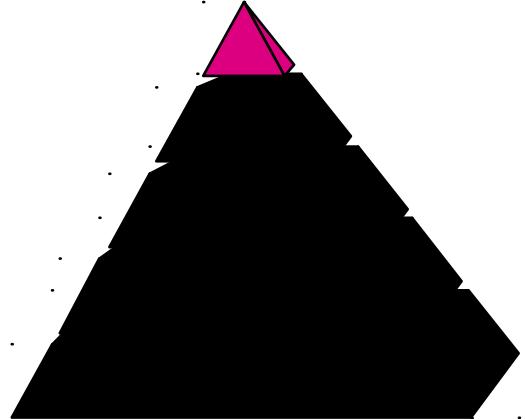


# OPTIMIZING LEVEL



- **CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT  
ENABLED BY QUANTITATIVE OR  
MEASURABLE FEEDBACK FROM:**
  - THE PROCESS
  - TESTING INNOVATIVE IDEAS
  - TESTING INNOVATIVE  
TECHNOLOGIES

# OPTIMIZING LEVEL 5 *CHARACTERISTICS*



- **IMPROVEMENTS FED BACK INTO THE PROCESS**
- **DATA GATHERING AUTOMATED AND USED TO IDENTIFY WEAKEST PROCESS ELEMENTS**
- **NUMERICAL EVIDENCE USED TO JUSTIFY APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY TO CRITICAL TASKS**
- **RIGOROUS DEFECT-CAUSE ANALYSIS AND DEFECT PREVENTION**